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Here, since seismic surveys are clearly outside the field of well fracturing, the Reimers, et al patent is from a nonanalogous art, thus precluding any *prima facie* case of obviousness using this patent as a reference.

Thus, for this independent reason alone, the examiner's burden of factually supporting a *prima facie* case of obviousness has clearly not been met, and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) should be withdrawn.

It is clear from all of the above that daim 19 is allowable

New independent claim 28 is a system version of claim 19, and therefore is allowable for the reasons indicated above. Dependent claims 20-27 and 29-35 depend from, and further limit, independent claims 19 and 28 respectively, in a patentable sense and therefore are allowable as well.

In view of all of the above, the allowance of claims 19-35 is respectfully requested.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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